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For : IMAGE READING METHOD INCLUDING SHADING CORRECTION AND IMAGE READING  
DEVICE THEREFOR

Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule 1.322.

Respecting the alleged error(s) in Col. 13 – 16, after review of the application, it is revealed that the lines are printed in accordance with the PTO record. In the page 2 and 3 of the "Notice of Allowability", the examiner cites the "Authorization for this examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with James M. Denaro on Jan. 10, 2005".

It is revealed that the lines are in fact changes made by the examiner and considered to be in accordance with the permissible amendments enumerated in the M.P.E.P. 1302.04. Hence, the PTO has made no error. Therefore, being no fault of the Patent and Trademark Office, no correction(s) is/are in order here under United States Codes (U.S.C.) 254 or 255 and the Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) 1.322 or 1.323).

In view of the foregoing, your request in this matter is hereby denied.

For further consideration, submit a Reconsideration Request for Certificate of Correction, and/or see the MPEP for greater instruction.

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Enclosure : Examiner's Amendment

**DETAILED ACTION**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James M. Denaro on January 10, 2005.

In claim 4, line 4, change "with use" to --with a use--.

In claim 4, line 6, change "calculating difference" to --calculating a difference--.

In claim 5, line 4, change "with use" to --with a use--.

In claim 5, line 6, change "calculating difference" to --calculating a difference--.

In claim 8, line 6, change "use" to --a use--.

In claim 8, line 6, change "calculating difference" to --calculating a difference--.

In claim 9, line 4, change "with use" to --with a use--.

In claim 9, line 6, change "calculating difference" to --calculating a difference--.

In claim 10, line 4, change "with use" to --with a use--.

In claim 10, line 5, change "calculating difference" to --calculating a difference--.

In claim 11, line 4, change "with use" to --with a use--.

In claim 11, line 5, change "calculating difference" to --calculating a difference--.

In claim 12, line 10, change "calculating difference" to --calculating a difference--.

In claim 12, line 12, change "through use" to --through a use--.

In claim 12, line 14, change "through use" to --through a use--.

In claim 12, line 17, change "for use" to --for a use--.

In claim 12, line 19, change "for use" to --for a use--.

***Response to Amendment***

2. The amendment was entered on August 5, 2004. Claims 2-12 are pending.

***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments, see amendment, pages 7-11, filed August 5, 2004, with respect to claims 4,5 and 8-11 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 4,5 and 8-11 has been withdrawn. Claims 2,3,6,7 depend from the respect claims 4,5 and 8-11, thus they too are allowable.

4. Applicant's arguments, see amendment, pages 11,12, filed August 5, 2004, with respect to claim 12 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 12 has been withdrawn.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 2-12 are allowed.

***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis Rosario-Vasquez whose telephone number is 703-305-5431. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Boudreau can be reached on 703-305-4706. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.